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SUBJECT: TEXT OF NICARAGUAN NOTE AND STATE DEPARTMENT REPLY

REF: (A) MANAGUA 1945 (B) WELTER/TUCKER TELCON 4/27/78

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM AMBASSADOR
SEVILLA SACASA DATED 2/27/78 AND TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S
REPLY SENT TO NICARAGUAN EMBASSY ON APRIL 4. YOU MAY
PASS REPLY TO SOMOZA IF YOU FEEL THAT IS ADVISABLE, ALONG
WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE DATE OF ITS DISPATCH TO
NICARAGUA EMBASSY.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF NICARAGUAN NOTE: EXCELLENCY: I HAVE
THE HONOR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT I WOULD APPRECIATE
KNOWING YOUR VIEWS ON CERTAIN STATEMENTS MADE BY ASSOCIATED
PRESS REPORTER GEORGE GEDDA IN HIS ARTICLE OF FEBRUARY 23,
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1978, WHICH I ENCLOSE.

THE BONDS OF FRIENDLY UNDERSTANDING WHICH HAVE TRADITIONALLY
LINKED OUR TWO COUNTRIES, THE SINCERE COOPERATION WHICH
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE MAINTAINED TO THEIR MUTUAL
BENEFIT, THE RESPECT WHICH NICARAGUA HAS FOR THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE FEELINGS OF LOYAL FRIENDSHIP

WHICH PRESIDENT SOMOZA AND I HAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES

UNDERLIE THE REQUEST THAT I AM MAKING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY
ON INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT.

NICARAGUA IS A STATE BASED ON LAW WHOSE CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNMENT IS THE RESULT OF FREE ELECTIONS FROM WHICH
THE PARTIDO LIBERAL NACIONALISTA (NATIONALIST LIBERAL
PARTY) EMERGED VICTORIOUS. IT IS A STATE BASED ON LAW
WHOSE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS ORDER, GUARANTEES PEACE,
PROMOTES PROGRESS, AND, WITH ABSOLUTE CONVICTION, RESPECTS
AND PROMOTES HUMAN RIGHTS AND INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS.
THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA IS FACED WITH PATRIOTIC RESPON-
SIBILITY AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE CONDUCTED
BY CERTAIN ELEMENTS ENJOYING THE PROTECTION OF THOSE
FREEDOMS AND WHICH INCITE VIOLENCE IN VARIOUS WAYS. THIS
IS A POLITICAL TACTIC ENCOURAGED BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM
WHICH, AS WE WELL KNOW, CONTINUES ITS DETERMINED EFFORT
AGAINST OUR DEMOCRACIES WITH ACTS OF TERRORISM.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, I REQUEST THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY
REVIEW CERTAIN STATEMENTS BY MR. GEDDA IN HIS ARTICLE
WHICH MY GOVERNMENT FOUND SURPRISING, PARTICULARLY ONE
WHICH, ACCORDING TO MR. GEDDA, WAS MADE BY AN OFFICIAL
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING YOUR EXCELLENCY'S VIEWS SO
THAT I CAN INFORM PRESIDENT SOMOZA OF THEM.

PLEASE EXCUSE MY CAUSING YOU ANY INCONVENIENCE AND
ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION. SIGNED BY
AMBASSADOR GUILLERMO SEVILLA SACASA.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF STATE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY: DEAR
MR. AMBASSADOR: THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED THAT I RESPOND
TO YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 27 REQUESTING HIS VIEWS ON
STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO UNNAMED DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OFFICIALS IN AN ASSOCIATED PRESS ARTICLE OF FEBRUARY 21
CONCERNING U.S. POLICY TOWARD NICARAGUA.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT AS PART OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO
KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OUR PLANS, WE TOLD YOU SOME WEEKS
AGO THAT OUR FISCAL YEAR 1979 BUDGET SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS
CONTAINS A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR TRAINING OF MEM-
BERS OF THE NICARAGUAN NATIONAL GUARD AT U.S. INSTALLATIONS
BUT DOES NOT CONTAIN A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CREDITS
FOR U.S. MILITARY SALES. THE DECISION NOT TO REQUEST

FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDIT FUNDS IN THE FISCAL YEAR
1979 BUDGET WAS MADE BOTH BECAUSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S

HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS AND BECAUSE OF AN OVERALL DECISION
TO REDUCE TRANSFERS OF U.S. ARMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
(WHICH INVOLVED FMS CREDIT REDUCTIONS FOR A NUMBER OF
COUNTRIES). OUR FISCAL YEAR 1979 BUDGET REQUEST TO
CONGRESS INCLUDES BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR
NICARAGUA IN THE AREA OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. PREVIOUSLY
APPROVED PROJECTS ARE CONTINUING, AND IT IS OUR INTENTION
TO PROPOSE FINANCING FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS DIRECTED
TOWARD THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE POOR.

WE HAVE NO WAY OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE UNNAMED DEPART-
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MENT OF STATE OFFICIALS CITED IN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
ARTICLE WERE QUOTED CORRECTLY. THE COMMENT ATTRIBUTED TO
ONE SUCH OFFICIAL REGARDING PRESIDENT SOMOZA'S OUSTER,
IF CORRECTLY RENDERED, WAS UNAUTHORIZED AND WAS NOT
AN ACCURATE STATEMENT OF OUR POLICY, WHICH WE HAVE
COMMUNICATED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT THROUGH APPROPRIATE
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. U.S. POLICY IS ONE OF NON-
INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT FOR INCREASED RESPECT FOR
INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS. WE HAVE
EXPRESSED OUR HOPE FOR A NON-VIOLENT AND DEMOCRATIC
SOLUTION TO NICARAGUA'S CURRENT POLITICAL PROBLEMS
AND CONTINUE TO URGE SUCH A COURSE. WE SYMPATHIZE WITH
EFFORTS IN ANY COUNTRY TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS AND
GREATER FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. IN NICARAGUA, WE
ENCOURAGE MODERATION AND CONCILIATION IN THE SEARCH FOR
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, BUT THE FORM OF THAT SOLUTION IS
FOR THE PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA ALONE TO DECIDE.

WITH BEST REGARDS, SIGNED BY TERENCE A. TODMAN, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS. VANCE

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